

SUBJECT No. 123.

Conversion of Urdu schools into Anglo-Hindustani schools.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—The Middle Urdu schools of the taluk headquarters noted below may be converted to Anglo-Hindustani schools :—

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| 1. Nelamangala | 13. Chikballapur |
| 2. Dodballapur | 14. Sidlaghatta |
| 3. Devanahalli | 15. Sira |
| 4. Hoskote | 16. Maddagiri |
| 5. Kankanhalli | 17. Kunigal |
| 6. Closepet | 18. Gubbi |
| 7. New Savar Lines, Bangalore. | 19. Tarikere |
| 8. Chamrajnagar | 20. Mudgere |
| 9. Nagamangala | 21. Arsikere |
| 10. Bowringpet | 22. Belur |
| 11. Mulbagal | 23. Molakalmuru |
| 12. Srinivasapur | 24. Davangere |
| | 25. Honnali |

Reply of Government.—If the member recommends qualified Mahomedan teachers to the Inspector-General of Education, he will do the needful in the matter.

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SUBJECT No. 124.

Four per cent investments for charitable purposes.

Messrs. K. Tammaiya and Kesavadasengar, Belur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The high minimum of Rs. 3,000 for investment of money for charitable purposes is above the reach of the middle and poorer classes. The minimum may therefore be reduced to Rs. 1,000 as this might induce a large number of donors to come forward with charitable bequests.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 125.

Surplus Funds of the State.

Mr. Marulusiddappa, Hassan District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Instead of depositing the surplus funds of the State in foreign banks, the Government may utilise the same for promoting trade, industries, etc., in the State.

Reply of Government.—This is being done to a large extent.

SUBJECT No. 126.

Withdrawn.

Allotment of the surplus revenue of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for works connected with sanitary improvements, etc., in districts.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality.

SUBJECT No. 127.

The Income-tax.

Mr. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—An income-tax may be levied on non-agriculturists in order to enable the State to adequately provide for the spread of education, the extension of railways, etc.

The majority of the members were in favour of the imposition of the income-tax on non-agriculturists on the ground that the latter do not, like agriculturists, pay for the benefits they enjoy, that it is but fair that such people should contribute something to the State and that it is necessary to add to the resources of Government, the activities of which have been increasing in so many directions. Some agreed to the levy on condition that the proceeds were used solely for promoting education.

Those who opposed the measure said that it would not be very productive, that there would be much difficulty for the people in keeping accounts and for Government in collecting the tax, and that the tax, even though it was to be levied only from non-agriculturists in the first instance, would ultimately fall on the agriculturists in many cases, *e.g.*, when it was levied from lawyers and money-lenders.

The Dewan explained that the tax was not new as it was in existence in British India and in some of the Native States and that more difficulties in the way of accounts and collection than existed there need not be anticipated. The levy of a tax on the lines prevailing in British India when put to the vote was accepted by 69 members and 61 voted against it.

Reply of Government.—If the income tax is levied, rates less than those of British India will be adopted and the income earmarked for education.

SUBJECT No. 128.

Withdrawn.

Change in the financial policy of the Government so as to improve the economic condition of the agricultural classes.

Mr. H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan taluk.

SUBJECT No. 129.

Withdrawn.

Grant of profits or bonuses to holders of policies in the State Life Insurance.

Mr. Venkataramaniah, Kolar municipality.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Extension of the benefits of State Life Insurance to patels and shanbhogs.

Mr. Venkataramaniah, Nagamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Government servants are made to insure their lives and thereby provision is made for their livelihood after their retirement. Similar privileges should be given to patels and shanbhogs.

It was stated by some members that as they had more confidence in Government they preferred State insurance to insurance with a private company.

The entire Assembly was in favour of the Government Insurance Scheme being extended to the public generally.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.